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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended claims are attached to the Appendix):*

A<sup>1</sup>  
3. (Amended) The twin-wire former (1) as claimed in claim 1,  
characterized in that  
the angle ( $\delta$ ) assumes a value between 0° and 45°, preferably between 0° and 30°.

A<sup>2</sup>  
6. (Amended) The twin-wire former (1) as claimed in claim 1,  
characterized in that